



AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH WATER AND SWIMMING POOL SAFETY POLICY

Florida Administrative Codes Chapter 65C-13.024 (2) and 65C-13.030(5)(c)&(d) Play Area and Equipment:

- (a) The home must have a safe outdoor play area as part of the property or within reasonable walking distance.
- (b) Children who are placed in family foster homes that have swimming pools or if the homes are adjacent to a body of water shall be instructed in water safety as appropriate for their age.
- (c) Swimming pools must have a barrier on all four sides of at least four feet. The barrier may consist of a house plus a fence on the remaining three sides or a four-sided fence. All access through the barrier must have one of the safety features: alarm, key lock, self-locking doors or a bolt lock, or other lock that is not accessible to children. When the swimming pool is not in use, all entry points must be locked. Above ground pools must have steps or ladders leading to it secured, locked or removed when the pool is not in use. Hot tubs and Spas shall be required to have a safety cover that is locked when not in use.
- (d) Swimming pools must be equipped with one of the following life saving devices:
 - 1. Ring buoy;
 - 2. Rescue tube; or
 - 3. Other appropriate flotation device with a rope or shepherd's hook which is sufficient length to cover the area.
- (e) When children are using the pool or participating in water activities, the following standards will apply:
 - 1. Children who are not proficient in swimming shall not be allowed in the pool or pool area without wearing life jacket or approved floating device, unless engaged in swimming lessons.
 - 2. Direct adult supervision shall be required when children are using the swimming pool, spa or hot tub, or are in the pool area.
- (f) All high risk recreation, boating, water sports, or contact sports shall have direct adult supervision.
- (g) As a prerequisite to licensure, foster parents who have swimming pools and homes adjacent to bodies of water unprotected by a barrier of at least four feet will be required to complete a basic water safety course administered by the American Red Cross, YMCA, or a trainer certified in water safety training.

I/We _____ acknowledge that:

- ☐ I/We **do not** own a swimming pool, hot tub and/or spa.
- ☐ I/We **do not** reside in a community whereby I/we have access to one or more swimming pools.
- ☐ My/Our home **is not** adjacent to a canal, pond, ditch, lake or any other body of water.

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I/We agree to provide direct adult supervision at all times in the event that the child(ren) engage in activities near the Water. Moreover, I understand that if I can not closely monitor the child(ren)'s activities or do not have a means of Restricting their access to the canal, lake, or any other body of water, the Department recommends I/we construct a fence of at least four feet in height between my/our house or yard and the body of water.

I/We _____ hereby attest that I/we have read and understand this policy. If I/we were to acquire a swimming pool, hot tub and/or spa, and/or changes occur that affect the above statements, I/we will immediately inform the licensing representative. I/We further understand that violation of the water and swimming pool policy could result in denial or revocation of my/our license.

Foster Mother Signature

Date

Foster Father Signature

Date